

I claim:

1. A dish rack for accommodating dishes, comprising:

a dish rack base having a rake-like retaining configuration with prongs;

at least part of said rake-like retaining configuration pivotable between different pivot positions; and

some of said prongs having angled ends directed toward said dish-rack base.

2. The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein said rake-like retaining configuration is pivotable into a horizontal position, a vertical position, and oblique positions different from said horizontal position and said vertical position.

3. The dish rack according to claim 2, wherein said angled ends form a set-down surface for hollow dishes when said rake-like retaining configuration is pivoted into at least one of said oblique positions.

4. The dish rack according to claim 2, wherein said angled ends form a set-down surface when said rake-like retaining configuration is pivoted into an oblique position half-way between said horizontal position and said vertical position.

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5. The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein said angled ends form stops for retaining hollow dishes in said horizontal position.

6. The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein said angled ends form stops for retaining hollow dishes in at least one of said oblique positions.

7. The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein only staggered ones of said prongs has an angled end forming a stop for retaining hollow dishes.

8. The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein every second prong of said prongs has an angled end forming a stop for retaining hollow dishes.

9. The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein said prongs with angled ends are L-shaped.

10. The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein said prongs with angled ends are U-shaped.

11. In a household dishwasher, a dish rack for accommodating dishes, the dish rack comprising:

a dish rack base having a rake-like retaining configuration with prongs;

at least part of said rake-like retaining configuration pivotable between different pivot positions; and

some of said prongs having angled ends directed toward said dish-rack base.

12. The dish rack according to claim 11, wherein the household dishwasher has a top dish rack and a bottom dish rack and the dish rack is the top dish rack.

13. The dish rack according to claim 11, wherein the household dishwasher has a top dish rack and a bottom dish rack and the dish rack is the bottom dish rack.

14. The dish rack according to claim 11, wherein the household dishwasher has a top dish rack and a bottom dish rack and the dish rack is the top dish rack and the bottom dish rack.

15. A dish rack for accommodating dishes, comprising:

a rack structure having at least one rake-like retainer;

said at least one rake-like retainer having a base wire and prongs attached to and extending from said base wire for securing dishware;

said prongs having a free end at a distance from said base wire and an end adjacent said base wire;

said at least one rake-like retainer pivotable between different pivot positions; and

some of said prongs having an angled end at said end adjacent said base wire.

16. The dish rack according to claim 15, wherein said prongs with an angled end are L-shaped.

17. The dish rack according to claim 16, wherein said at least one rake-like retainer is pivotable into a horizontal position, a vertical position, and oblique positions different from said horizontal position and said vertical position.

18. The dish rack according to claim 17, wherein said angled end forms a set-down surface for hollow dishes when said rake-like retainer is pivoted into at least one of said oblique positions.

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19. The dish rack according to claim 17, wherein said angled end forms a stop for retaining hollow dishes in at least one of said horizontal position and said oblique positions.

20. The dish rack according to claim 15, wherein only staggered ones of said prongs has an angled end.

21. The dish rack according to claim 15, wherein said prongs with an angled end are U-shaped.